GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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PROGRAMME FOR TALENTED CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed/proposes to formulate a time bound programme to promote talented sports children at district level and to decentralize sports activities in the country;and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) & (b) Yes Madam. With a view to encouraging, promoting and developing sports and games among youth by providing them with access to basic sports facilities and organized competitions at the grassroots level, which will expand the seedbed of talented sportspersons, the Government has launched a national wide sports programme called 'Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan'(PYKKA) in the year 2008-09.

PYKKA is Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) being implemented through States/UTs. It envisages to cover all village and block panchayats over a ten- year period.